

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
September 28, 2005**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:34 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary -Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
William G. Bouie*
Kevin J. Fay
Kenneth G. Feng
Harry Glasgow
Georgette Kohler*
George E. Lovelace*
Gilbert S. McCutcheon
Winifred S. Shapiro

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Barbara J. Gorski, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring
Bob Brennan
Elisa Lueck
Cindy Messinger
Miriam Morrison
Judy Pedersen
Lynn Tadlock

*Board Members absent

Guests: Jan Brody, Senior Assistant County Attorney
Scott Wynn, Senior Assistant County Attorney

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Kane requested that **CLOSED SESSION #1 and #2** be combined and held at the start of the Agenda. **CLOSED SESSION** will include Legal and Land Acquisition Matters and Closed Session Minutes dated September 14, 2005. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:36 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for

- a. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body for/in the **Dranesville Magisterial District** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2- 3711(A)(7)
- b. Discussion of the acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of this public body in **Dranesville Magisterial District** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2 – 3711(A)(3)
- c. Discussion of Closed Session Minutes dated **September 14, 2005** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2.3712(H).

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent.

- Update on Land Acquisition in the Dranesville District
- Update on Legal Matters in the Dranesville District
- Closed Session Minutes dated September 14, 2005

Land Acquisition and Legal Matters and Closed Session Minutes were discussed.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2 -3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; **SECONDED** by Mrs. Shapiro, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent.

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ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**C-1 Update on Land Acquisition in the Dranesville District
Approve the Change to the Contract on the Property in the Dranesville District as
Discussed in Closed Session.**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the changes to the contract for the property in the Dranesville District as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Fay and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item

C-2 Update on Legal Matters in the Dranesville District

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve joining the Board of Supervisors and the Zoning Administrator in a Petition for Rehearing in the Supreme Court of Virginia in the West Lewinsville Heights Citizens Association, et al v. the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, et al., Record No. 042274, and Board of Zoning Appeals of Fairfax County v. Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, et al., Record No. 042326; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

C-3 Closed Session Minutes dated September 14, 2005

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Closed Session Minutes dated September 14, 2005 as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent. Being absent from the September 14, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting, Ms. Malone **ABSTAINED** from the vote. There was no discussion on this item.

Mr. Strickland continued with the Park Authority Board Agenda.

PRESENTATION**P-1 Park Authority Workforce Survey**

Mr. Dierdorff provided a PowerPoint presentation of the 2005 Employee Satisfaction Survey, Topline Results, May 2005.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**ADMIN-1 Resolutions – Various Contributions to the Park Services Division**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the cash contributions in the amount of \$182,092 and in-kind contributions in the value of \$35,158 and approval of Resolutions expressing appreciation to various donors who contributed to the Park Services Division programs and operations; **SECONDED** by Mrs. Shapiro and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent.

Mr. Vajda noted that the \$28,296 credited to Sprint as a donation to the Spotlight by Starlight Concert Series was in error. The money received was from the Mason District monopole rental fees. He asked that the item be corrected. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board**

ADMIN-2 Resolutions – Various Contributions to the Resource Management Division

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the contributions in the amount of \$33,758.83 and approval of the resolutions expressing appreciation to various donors who contributed to the Resource Management Division programs and operations **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

ADMIN-3 Adoption of Minutes – September 14, 2005, Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the minutes of the September 14, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent. Being absent from the September 14, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting, Ms. Malone **ABSTAINED** from the vote. There was no discussion on this item.

ACTION ITEMS**A-1 FY 2007 Budget Submission, Fund 001, General Fund**

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the FY 2007 General Fund (Fund 001) budget submission **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

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A-2 FY 2007 Budget Submission, Fund 170, Revenue Fund

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the FY 2007 Park Revenue Fund (Fund 170) budget submission; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-3 FY 2007 Budget Submission, Fund 303, General County Construction Fund

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the FY 2007 General County Fund (Fund 303) budget submission; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

INFORMATION ITEMS**I-1 FY 2005 Year -End Reports for Fund 001, General Fund and 170, Park Revenue Fund**

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding FY 2005 Year-End Reports for Fund 001, General Fund and 170, Park Revenue Fund. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

I-2 FY 2007 Budget Submission, Fund 370, Park Authority Bond Construction Fund

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding FY 2007 Budget Submission, Fund 370, Park Authority Bond Construction Fund. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

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I-3 FY 2007 Budget Submission, Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on September 14, 2005, and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding FY 2007 Budget Submission, Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- Mr. Strickland thanked Frank Vajda and Harry Glasgow for attending the Board of Supervisors' Environmental Committee meeting on Monday, September 26. He asked that the Board members read the comments he made at that meeting if they had not done so. Mr. Strickland also thanked Mike Kane, Cindy Messinger, and Heather Melchior for the prepared comments, which were to the point and well-received.

Mr. Strickland asked Mike Kane to include these comments in the next edition of ParkNews and in ResOURces.

Mr. Strickland stated that Heather Melchior did a great job briefing the Board of Supervisors on the Natural Resource Management Plan. One item in the briefing indicated that land acquisition in the future would have to meet certain standards. Some open space is not necessarily good stewardship.

- Following up on the negotiations with Fairfax County Public School to acquire surplus property, Mr. Strickland indicated that he received a letter from Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, Chairman, Fairfax County School Board, that stated there is a new process. The County Executive and the Superintendent of Schools will look at the parcels and based on need within the County, will make a decision as to the disposition of these properties. As a result, the Board of Supervisors is going to raise the debt limit by approximately \$50 million, \$25 million of which would go directly to Schools, keeping the Schools out of the real estate sales process. The Board of Supervisors will then determine the greatest need for these properties.

Mr. Strickland noted that he responded to Mr. Niedzielski-Eichner's letter indicating that the Park Authority is not only interested in the properties, but also in other opportunity areas including athletic field use and maintenance, environmental and cultural education, camps/RecPAC/Bright Futures programs, and gang prevention in middle schools.

Mr. Strickland's letter also indicated that the Park Authority is committed to partnering with the School Board on these efforts.

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- Mr. Strickland reported that George Lovelace stopped by earlier in the day to discuss the walk-on field issue and the user fees. Mr. Lovelace had stated that he regretted that he could not continue on the Park Authority Board, but he felt that other commitments were not allowing him to be a full partner on the Board. Mr. Strickland added that he asked Mr. Lovelace to come back before the Board to allow the Board to honor his service to the Park Authority. Mr. Strickland stated that he thought Mr. Lovelace had been a good member of the Board and offered his regrets. NOTE: Later in the week, Mr. Lovelace rescinded his resignation.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- **Riparian Buffer Restoration**

Mr. Kane reported that in continuing our team work with the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services in support of the Riparian Buffer Restoration Environmental Improvement Project, we have selected six sites for riparian restoration this fall. The sites include Laurel Hill (Mount Vernon District), Pinecrest Golf Course (Mason District), Flag Run Park (Braddock District), Rutherford Park (Braddock District), Rocky Run Stream Valley near Majestic Drive (Springfield District), and Waverly Park (Hunter Mill District). Resource Management's Natural Resource Protection Manager, Meghan Fellows and Park Operations' site managers and staff (John Delsignore, Tom Toth, Dan Sutherland, Mark Rogers, Ed Richardson, Richard Maple, Bob Stevenson, Kyle Long, John Hopkins, and Jody Delsignore) were instrumental in selection of locations and assistance with logistics.

Plantings will begin on October 8 and will finish Sunday, November 13. We expect to plant over 2,000 native, riparian trees and shrubs. This is up from the spring planting of over 1,500 native, riparian trees and shrubs. More Park Authority sites will be planted in the spring of 2006. Signage describing the project will be added to the selected sites this winter.

Mr. Kane indicated that a press release would go out announcing the program so that everyone will know that this money is being used for good work.

- **Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) Award**

Mr. Kane reported that the Park Authority received notification in early September that it had received a Congressionally-Directed Grant Award in the amount of \$2,929,470 under the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP). CELCP was established "for the purpose of protecting important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses."

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This grant money will be used to preserve property along Bull Run which joins with the Occoquan River and empties into the Potomac River. The largest property (238 acres) was actually purchased by the Park Authority in November 2003 and will be utilized to fulfill the 100% match requirement for the program.

Mr. Kane extended thanks to Kay Rutledge for putting the grant application together and to Supervisor Michael Frey and Congressman Frank Wolf for their support and their efforts in seeing that the Park Authority received this grant.

- **Land Acquisition in the Dranesville District – Salona Property**

On Monday, September 26, 2005, the Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a motion for the acquisition of a conservation easement in the Dranesville District. Supervisor DuBois will hold a press conference on Thursday, September 29 at 11 a.m. at the McLean Government Center.

- **Virginia Recreation and Park Society's Annual Conference (VRPS) Educational Sessions**

This year Virginia Recreation and Park Society's annual conference was held September 24 -27 in Hampton, Virginia. Five Park Authority staff members presented educational sessions:

Lynn Tadlock and Sandy Stallman: Balancing Community Needs through Community Outreach and Long Range Planning

Kirk Holley and Irish Grandfield: The ABCs of Planning Park XYZ

Gary Logue: How to Make Inclusion Win-Win

- **Park Authority Wins Award at Virginia Recreation and Park Society (VRPS) Annual Conference**

Mr. Kane announced that the Park Authority received the VRPS award for the Best Promotional Effort / Basic Promotion Piece - Electronic Media, Spanish Language Public Service Announcements. The Park Authority partnered with the Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection to produce a series of Spanish language public service announcements (PSAs). Spanish was chosen because it is the largest foreign language group, according to public school surveys on language, spoken in the home. Asian and Arabic languages PSAs will begin in 2006.

Mr. Kane thanked Mark Garrah, the Park Authority's videographer, who championed this project through Cable Communications.

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- **Volunteers Excellence Awards**

Mr. Kane reminded everyone of the annual Volunteer Excellence Awards reception which will be held on Saturday, October 1, from 9:30 to noon at the Elmore Farm Center at Frying Pan Park.

This annual awards presentation honors outstanding Resource Management Division volunteers. Activities include brunch and the awards presentation.

- **Park Authority Wins Fuel Savings Contest**

On Thursday, September 22, 2005, the Park Authority learned that it had won the Department of Vehicle Services' Fuel Savings Contest. The agency's fuel saving initiatives include:

- Natural Landscape Initiative - which allows previously mowed areas to revert back to natural areas
- Computerization of Athletic Field Lighting and Irrigation System - as a result staff no longer has to travel to the sites on a daily basis
- Electric Powered Operating Equipment - gasoline powered equipment, such as golf course mowers, sand trap rakes and infield conditioners are being replaced with battery operated equipment
- Conversions - gasoline powered golf carts, weed-eaters, leaf blowers and other equipment used on a daily basis are being replaced with diesel powered equipment
- Vehicle Choices - reduction of 4-wheel drive vehicles and better utilization of our existing 4-wheel drive vehicles through coordination of use, and reduction in the size of our trucks, as well as purchase of sedans and more fuel efficient vehicle for its facilities.

The Park Authority also:

- Supports and encourages teleworking
- Encourages carpooling to meetings, conferences, and training sessions, especially when these events are outside of the county
- Issues frequent reminders to maintenance staff to complete vehicle pre-trip inspection forms, with an emphasis on properly inflating tires.

Because the agency's efforts in reduced fuel consumption, it will receive 1,000 gallons of free fuel during the next billing period.

Mr. Kane congratulated Tim White and the Park Operations staff who put the award application together on short notice.

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- **State Department Lecture Tour**

Mr. Kane announced that the Park Authority's Planning and Development Division Director, Lynn Tadlock, will be heading to Sofia, Bulgaria, to participate in a State Department Lecture Tour. Ms. Tadlock will participate in roundtable discussions focusing on green space and parks, tour numerous recreational facilities and parks, and attend sessions at a local university campus with national government officials, municipal government representatives, and the public through various media.

The trip will take place September 30 through October 8 and all costs for travel and accommodations are being covered by the State Department.

- **Laurel Hill 2232**

Mr. Kane reported that Ms. Tadlock would provide an update on the Laurel Hill 2232.

Ms. Tadlock stated that the 2232 had been deferred twice and is now scheduled to go before the Planning Commission on October 6, 2005. The reason it had been deferred was to work through some issues with the South County Federation (SCF) that had opposed certain features of the plan. Staff held meetings with SCF and responded to the issues stated in their resolution. There are two issues that have not come to agreement--ball fields in two of the smaller park locations and lighting of those ball fields. Ms. Tadlock noted that she will meet with John Byers and Peter Murphy on September 29 to continue discussion of these issues. One of these ball fields sits within a 35-acre community park between the high school and the middle school. Twenty of the 35 acres were set aside for conservation and 15 acres were scheduled for development. SCF does not want the park to be developed and they do not want any lights in the park. They also do not want any athletic fields in the other smaller park which backs up to a newly developed subdivision. These appear to be the only areas of contention.

Ms. Tadlock stated that she would inform the Board if SCF would choose to delay the 2232 one more time. Staff will go back to SCF on October 4 before the 2232 hearing.

Mr. Batten asked Lynn to provide an update on Hooes Road Park. Ms. Tadlock reported that most of the subsurface work had been completed and that sod had been placed on two fields and work has begun on the third field. Staff anticipates that the project will finish either a head of, or on schedule, which is mid-October. The soccer field portion is ahead of schedule. Work will then begin on the diamond field (Babe Ruth).

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- **Laurel Hill Golf Club Opening Ceremonies**

Mr. Kane reported that Judy Pedersen would provide an update on the opening ceremonies for Laurel Hill Golf Club. Mrs. Pedersen distributed a flyer that was e-mailed earlier in the day, which is one of two invitations that are going out. This first invitation is for the public ribbon cutting ceremony which is set for October 15 at 4 p.m. The second invitation is more specific and invites people to participate in one of the golf tournaments. Approximately 1,500 invitations for the ribbon cutting ceremony were e-mailed to residents in the Laurel Hill area and the Mount Vernon District on September 28, with approximately 1,000 more to be sent out.

There will be a golf tournament on October 13; the shotgun start will begin at 10 a.m. followed by a barbeque from 4-6 p.m. The shotgun start for the second tournament, on October 15, will begin at 9 a.m. followed by the ceremonies at 4 p.m.

- **Deputy Director's Matter - Artificial Turf Field Update**

Mr. Kane asked Tim White to provide an update of the September 21 Athletic Council meeting. Mr. White reported that he and Lynn Tadlock attended the meeting to discuss synthetic turf installation. There is an agreement whereby part of the proceeds from the athletic field fees would go toward development of synthetic turf fields. He and Ms. Tadlock discussed what the Park Authority's role would be and how interested the agency is in working with the Athletic Council to make that happen as quickly and as economically efficient as possible.

There are a number of issues that remain, so guidelines were offered that the Athletic Council may consider during their deliberation of how they would like to proceed. They are not sure how much money will be available and there is some thought that the Board of Supervisors may provide additional funds to the estimated \$450,000 that they would receive on an annual basis from the fees. The Council also needs to determine criteria for determining where and which fields would get built. A few options that Mr. White and Ms. Tadlock suggested were that the Council may want to bundle several fields together so that cost savings could be utilized, possibly utilizing some of the Park Authority's bond projects.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairman: Mr. Strickland

Members: Ms. Malone and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Mr. Kane

Mr. Strickland, Chairman of the Executive Committee, stated that the committee meets prior to all board meetings and on the Park Authority Board's Committee Day. Mr. Strickland distributed copies of the committee minutes dated September 7, 2005. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2005.

STANDING COMMITTEES**Joint Administration and Management // Park Operations Committees**

Chairman: Mr. Batten, Administration and Management Committee

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mr. Bouie, Mr. Feng, and Mr. Lovelace

Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Division Director for Administration

Chairman: Ms. Malone, Park Operations Committee

Members: Mr. Bouie, Mr. Fay, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Lovelace, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Brian Daly, Division Director for Park Operations

Mr. Batten and Ms. Malone, Chairmen of the Administration and Management // Park Operations Committees respectively, distributed copies of the Joint Administration and Management / Park Operations committees minutes dated May 4, 2005.

Budget Committee

Chairman: Mr. Feng

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Bouie, and Mr. Fay

Staff: Miriam C. Morrison, Chief Financial Officer, Administration Division

Mr. Feng, Chairman of the Budget Committee, reported that the committee minutes dated September 14, 2005 would be forthcoming. The next committee meeting would be announced.

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Planning and Development Committee

Chairman: Mrs. Shapiro

Members: Ms. Malone, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Lynn Tadlock, Division Director for Planning and Development

Mrs. Shapiro, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated September 7, 2005. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2005.

Park Operations Committee

Chairman: Ms. Malone

Members: Mr. Bouie, Mr. Fay, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Lovelace, Mr. McCutcheon, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Brian Daly, Division Director for Park Operations

Ms. Malone, Chairman of the Park Operations Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated June 1, 2005 and July 6, 2005. The next committee meeting would be announced.

Resource Management Committee

Chairman: Mr. Vajda

Members: Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone, Mrs. Shapiro, Mr. Batten, Mr. Fay, Mr. Glasgow, and Mr. McCutcheon

Staff: Cindy Messinger, Division Director for Resource Management

Mr. Vajda, Chairman of the Resource Management Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated July 27, 2005. The committee minutes dated September 28, 2005 will be forthcoming. The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2005.

Park Services Committee

Chairman: Mr. McCutcheon

Members: Mr. Batten, Mr. Bouie, Mr. Feng, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Lovelace, and Mr. Vajda

Staff: Charlie Bittenbring, Division Director for Park Services

Mr. McCutcheon, Chairman of the Park Services Committee, distributed copies of the committee minutes dated September 7, 2005. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 9, 2005.

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FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Vajda requested that the Joint Administration and Management / Park Operations Committees meeting minutes dated May 4, 2005, the Park Operations Committee minutes dated June 1, 2005 and July 6, 2005, the Resource Management Committee minutes dated July 27, 2005, the Executive Committee minutes dated September 7, 2005, the Park Services Committee minutes dated September 7, 2005, and the Planning and Development Committee minutes dated September 7, 2005, be entered into the record. **IN THE ABSENCE OF AN OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.**

OTHER MATTERS BY THE CHAIRMAN

- **Board of Supervisors FY 2004 Carryover Low Impact Development (LID) Demonstration Projects**

Mr. Strickland noted that in the Resource Management Committee's package the Board of Supervisors FY 2004 Carryover Low Impact Development (LID) Demonstration Projects indicates that the Board of Supervisors gave the Park Authority \$150,000. In addition, with their surplus dollars, they approved three of the agency's projects --\$160,000 to inventory the trail system, \$100,000 for the invasive plant program, and \$100,000 to stabilize the cultural area at Mount Gilead. From carryover and surplus, the Park Authority has received an additional \$510,000 from the Board of Supervisors, which is very gracious of them to recognize the agency's need. Mr. Strickland thanked the Park Authority Board members, in particular Harry Glasgow, for speaking with their respective Supervisors about this topic.

BOARD MATTERS

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone stated the Nottoway Nights series has come to a close. She thanked Sousan Frankeberger for her selection of individuals and groups. The series was great and was well-received and Ms. Malone is looking forward to next year.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda reminded the Board members of the Resource Management Division's Volunteer Excellence Award ceremony that will be held on Saturday, October 1, from 9:30 to noon. He asked the Board members to RSVP to Cindy Messinger and noted that brunch would be served.

Mr. Vajda thanked Sousan Frankeberger for helping with the Spotlight by Starlight Concert Series at Mason District Park. It, too, was tremendously successful.

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Mr. Vajda noted that the issue of the donation by the Korean Cultural Committee of the Korean - American Bell came before the Planning and Development Co mmittee on September 7, and that this issue will be brought before the Planning and Development Committee once again on October 5. Mr. Vajda asked the Board members to give this item some consideration.

Mr. Vajda reported that the Mason District Festival was held on Saturday, September 24, and was a huge success. He thanked Patty Paczan for helping to straighten out an issue with regard to permits for the rides.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon stated that Patty Paczan always had a reputation for helping out with special permit requirements.

Mr. McCutcheon thanked Hal Strickland for his presentation to the Board of Supervisors' Environmental Committee, and his subsequent letter.

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro thanked Dan Sutherland, Charles Smith and Kyle Long for meeting with a group of citizens at Rutherford Park. She also thanked Charles Smith for meeting with a citizen at Woodglen Lake Park. In both cases the issue was about the change in the agency's mowing policy in an attempt to restore some natural areas and to improve water quality by improving the stream buffers. She noted that two things struck her. The first thing is that the Park Authority is on the right side of this issue. It is a little unusual for people to complain that the agency is planting too many trees. Secondly, she was very appreciative that these staff members made an effort to deal with citizens in a sensitive way by listening to their concerns, and educating them about the policy and making them feel like they were heard.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng had no Board Matters.

- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay noted that the press conference on the Salona property would take place on Thursday, September 29 at 10:45 a.m. at the McLean Government Center, and invited the Board members to attend. He noted that Chairman Connolly, Supervisor DuBois, Dan DuVal, representatives of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust and representatives of citizens groups would also be in attendance.

Kevin Fay thanked Kay Rutledge for her long hours of work with the County Attorney's office and Dan DuVal to bring this project to fruition.

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Mr. Fay reported that a meeting was held on September 27 beginning the master planning process for Langley Forks Park. Mr. Fay thanked Sandy Stallman, Andi Dorlester, Kirk Holley, Bethany Timmes, Meghan Fellows, Rich Sacchi, Diane Probus, and Manjula Nandiraju for making this meeting a success. There were a number of positive suggestions.

This Master Plan is being done collaboratively with the National Park Service (NPS). Audrey Calhoun, Superintendent of GW Parkway attended and represented the NPS, Anne Dayton, Business Manager for GW Parkway also attended and is on the staff team. Langley Forks Park is on their property and the Park Authority needs to ensure that we comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Mr. Glasgow noted that Audrey Calhoun will be retiring on October 28.

Mr. Fay also noted that the meeting got a little off track with discussions centering on walk-on field use and the user fees. He redirected the meeting back to the planning process, but he let the citizens know that the Park Authority is aware of the situation and is working with the Board of Supervisors and the Athletic Council to resolve the issue. Some of the citizens stated that the policy was unreasonable since these athletic groups put their time and money into these fields to repair the damage done by the walk-ons. Supervisor DuBois attended the meeting and will inform the other Supervisors that they need to deal with this because it is a growing issue.

- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten stated that he was unhappy that the Park Authority Board is losing a very valuable asset, George Lovelace. He realizes that Mr. Lovelace has a great deal on his plate and has made up his mind to leave, but he will attempt to dissuade him from this course of action.

NOTE: Later in the week, Mr. Lovelace rescinded his resignation.

Mr. Batten reported that there is a meeting scheduled in Supervisor Kauffman's office on October 14 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the walk-on use policy. He invited other Board members to participate.

Mr. Batten stated that as liaison to the Park Foundation Board, he attended their meeting of September 21. The Park Foundation is very exciting, and has a great group of people that are working on the Park Authority's behalf. Mr. Batten reported that Messrs. Kane and White also attended the Foundation meeting. Mr. Batten indicated that some new members have been added to the Foundation Board and their names will be brought before the Park Authority Board on October 12.

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Mr. Batten noted that he received calls from Park staff keeping him abreast of what is taking place at Hooes Road Park, and that he passes on this information to Supervisor Kauffman and his staff.

Kay Rutledge notified him that Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has finally provided funds for the land the agency gave them for the Springfield Interchange - \$600,000. Some of the funds were put into the land bank, but \$540,000 remained.

Mr. Batten reported that Groveton Heights made several proffers when they came before the Lee District Land Use Committee. One of the proffers is \$50,000 for Historic Huntley.

Mr. Batten reported that Irish Grandfield informed him that a dog park is included in the proffer and is to be constructed to the Park Authority's specifications by Madison Corporation. Tim White asked if there is a sponsor for the dog park. Mr. Batten indicated that he will have more information after he meets with Supervisor Kauffman's Chief of Staff, Jeff McKay.

Mr. Batten reported that there is an open house at Historic Huntley on October 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. He suggested that the Board make a day of it and attend both the open house and the ribbon cutting ceremony at Laurel Hill Golf Club.

- **Georgette Kohler**
Ms. Kohler was absent.
- **George E. Lovelace**
Mr. Lovelace was absent.
- **Harrison A. Glasgow**
Mr. Glasgow had no Board Matters.
- **William G. Bouie**
Mr. Bouie was absent.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler and Messrs. Bouie and Lovelace being absent.

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